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## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of One month to respond to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002

(INDICATE MATTER BEING EXTENDED)

2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

☒ [X] is filed herewith.

☐ [ ] has been filed.

☐ [ ] The response is the filing of a continuation application having an express abandonment conditioned on the granting of a filing date to the continuing application.

3. Applicant is other than a small entity.

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

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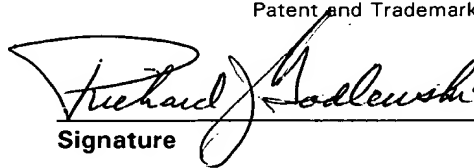
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4. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d)):

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
		Fee \$ <u>110.00</u>

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on December 9, 2002, due to the fact that December 8, 2002, was a Sunday.


6. Fee Payment

- ☐ Charge Account 13-2528 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.
- ☒ Charge fee to Account No. 13-2528. This is a request to charge for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

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